

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, in the book of Proverbs 22:28, it is said, "Do not remove the ancient landmark that your ancestors set up."

In this spirit, I am gratified to be able to join the parish of the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's Church) and the city of Port Jervis in marking the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the parish on December 9th.

In our modern world, it is important to recognize those landmarks of our communities, particularly those which are dedicated to the betterment of our neighborhoods, our community, and our entire society.

For 150 years, St. Mary's Church has stood as a beacon to the wary souls who, in looking for friendship, understanding, and forgiveness, have turned. This parish has been a cornerstone of our river city and a symbol of the fortitude of our Port Jervis community.

Along with the many friends of this distinguished parish, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the parish of the Immaculate Conception on their 150th anniversary. May the parish stand and grow and continue to grow for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING OUR CAPITOL POLICE AND ALL THE CAPITOL HILL WORKERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a brief moment of our time today to give my hearty thanks to the U.S. Capitol Police and all the other people who work with us and protect us day in and day out.

Since the tragic events of September 11th, the U.S. Capitol has been the center of threats both physical and biological. Our Capitol Police have seen their overtime and workloads grow two and three times what they were before the tragedy. We depend now more than ever on their hard work and commitment to our safety.

But this pace is overwhelming and could, in time, seriously damage moral. As a former fighter pilot, I am well aware of the impact the increased operations tempo during the 1990's had on the U.S. military. Repeatedly, our nation's military men and women were asked to serve longer and longer tours away from their families. This continued pressure led to record retirements and gaps in manpower that we are still working to replace today.

Our Capitol Police are now facing similar demands. While we work to give them the

tools and resources they need, we should take a moment to give them our thanks for their commitment to protecting the people who visit and work on Capitol Hill.

However, it isn't just the Capitol Police who are looking out for us. All over Capitol Hill there are people working for us everyday. From our personal office staff to committee staffs, from the janitors, mailroom clerks, and parking security staff. All over Capitol Hill there are people who come to work everyday and face the threat of just working in the Capitol, but they face it bravely and stand defiantly to keep us running. I am reminded just how committed the people are each morning as I drive to work. As long as I have been here Tommy Maggio, a parking security officer in the Rayburn garage, always greets me with the same smile and commitment to duty. He had done this job for 29 years regardless of the circumstances or threats facing Congress and America. All the people like Tommy keep Congress up and running. These hard working Americans will keep us moving forward through tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST TEMPLE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple located in the Sixth District of New Jersey that is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Throughout its long history, the Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple has served its community under the leadership of only six pastors. Located in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Mount Pisgah has made its mark on the surrounding communities. Mount Pisgah is at the forefront of religious service through its wonderful preaching and teaching ministry. Additionally, Mount Pisgah has served as a center for feeding and providing clothing for the poor.

Through its weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, it has provided Christian education training to people of all ages. To help the youth of the community, Mount Pisgah provides after school tutoring services.

"Let Brotherly Love Continue . . ." Hebrews 13:1, serves as the mission statement for this neighborhood based worship center. Their main objective is to "Spread the Good News" by loving, sharing, and caring for others.

On this day, we celebrate the hundred auspicious years that the Mount Pisgah Baptist Temple has stood as a symbol of spiritual unity, of which we should all be proud. I applaud their desire to continue their mission of serving God, as well as the community, with love and devotion to all.

RICHARD M. ROMLEY, OUTSTANDING DISABLED VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2001

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, November 11 is the day the nation has set aside to honor and remember its war veterans. On this day, we pay tribute to all our defenders of freedom. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) recently named one of these distinguished veterans, Richard M. Romley, the nation's Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year. In conjunction with this recognition, the Lois Pope Foundation awarded Mr. Romley its prestigious LIFE's Presidential Unsung Hero Award. The awards recognize a disabled veteran's individual achievement.

Like many of his generation, he and his best friend enlisted in the Marine Corps. An accomplished and decorated soldier, Rick Romley's promising military career was cut short by a land mine that took both his legs. Following his recovery and rehabilitation, Rick enrolled at Arizona State University, graduating with honors and a degree in business management. For five years he owned and operated his own business. Wanting a career change, he sold his business and enrolled again at Arizona State University to obtain his Juris Doctorate. With his law degree in hand, he again pursued a career in public service and is now serving his fourth term as Maricopa County Attorney, the fourth largest county in the nation.

Never letting his disability stand in his way, Rick Romley is a nationally recognized leader in criminal and juvenile justice and drug trafficking. He has testified before Congress on violent crime, addressed national organizations, and was under consideration for appointment as the nation's Drug Czar. In addition, he has received a number of awards in recognition of his public service including the National Leadership Award presented by the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America.

As the nation remembers its veterans, Vietnam veteran Rick Romley's service to Arizona and the country are worthy of recognition. He has an unfailing dedication to improving the quality of life within his community. While the journey has not come easily, Rick has proven that perseverance and hard work are the measures of success. While many choose to serve their nation, all too few take on the uniform of our armed services and make the special sacrifices only they and their families can truly appreciate. Rich joins the continuous, unbroken line of patriots that have served this nation from its inception to the present. On this Veterans Day, I join with the nation in saluting his accomplishment and leadership.

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